GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
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INDEX OF CORRUPTION PERCEPTION
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the ranking of India in the index of Corruption Perception Index (CPI) for various countries;

(b) whether the Government has proposed to strengthen the Anti-corruption Bureau in all parts of the country to bring down the corruption level; and

(c) if so, the details of steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS.(SHRI SURESH PACHOURI)

(a) : According to the Corruption Perception Index, 2007 'CPI − 2007', published by the Transparency International, India is ranked at 72nd place among 180 countries.

(b) & (c) : The Government is fully committed to implement its policy of "zero tolerance against corruption" and is moving progressively to eradicate corruption from all spheres of life by improving transparency and accountability. Measures for strengthening the Anti-corruption Bureau in various States are taken by the concerned State Governments. As far as the Central Government is concerned, a number of measures have already been taken by the Government to strengthen the CBI and departmental vigilance organizations. These measures, inter-alia, include enactment of the CVC Act, 2003 and the Right to Information Act, 2005, Whistle Blowers Resolution, 2004, modernization and up-gradation of infrastructure of the CBI, and the appointment of the CVOs on the recommendations of the CVC, formulation and implementation of Annual Action Plans for vigilance activities through pro-active involvement of various Ministries/Departments, issuance of comprehensive instructions on transparency in tendering and contracting processes by the CVC.